
Skill Procedures: Stoma Intubation

I. Usage

1. Indications in patients with pre-existing tracheostomy:
 - A. Respiratory Arrest.
 - B. Hypoventilation.
 - C. Loss of gag reflex.

II. Procedural Guidelines

1. Assemble equipment.
2. Chose the tube size.



Note Well: *You may need to use a smaller size tube [6mm or 7mm] if the stoma is constricted.*

3. Position patient.
4. Insert the tube through the stoma.
5. Advance the tube until the cuff is just inside the stoma or 5 cm.
6. Insert air into the cuff, if present to prevent an air leak.
7. Ventilate and watch for chest rise. Listen for breath sounds over stomach (should not be heard) and bilateral lung sounds.

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II. Procedural Guidelines (continued)

8. Apply an end-tidal CO₂ detector or other approved device on all patients with pulses.
9. Note proper tube placement and secure tube.
10. Re-evaluate the position of the tube after each move of the patient.



Note Well: *The ET tube does not need to be cut or modified in any way. Doing so may damage the tube and result in a cuff leak.*